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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Risk  
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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Missouri

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SUBJECT: Update on Actuarial Rates Resulting from Unrepaired Levees in  
Carroll County, Missouri

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**BACKGROUND**

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On February 28, 2011, an informational memorandum and accompanying maps were issued regarding the breached levees in Carroll County, Missouri. This memo dictated the policy provision found in the Special Provisions (SP) for Corn, Grain Sorghum, Oats, and Soybeans:

*Land flooded due to a breach in a levee resulting from prior year(s) flooding conditions is insurable. The applicable rate will be assigned based on conditions at the sales closing date. This land will be classified as the high risk area classification that results in the highest rate if the levee has not been repaired to prior specifications, or if the soil was damaged and was not restored to at least the same crop yield potential as prior to the flood event. The land will be classified as shown on the Actuarial Map if the levee is repaired to prior specifications and the soil has at least the same crop yield potential as before the flood.*

**AFFECTED AREA**

The levee districts affected by the February 28 memo are:

**Carroll County, Missouri** (map provided):  
Baltimore Bend Levee District – Not Repaired  
Belcher-Lozier Levee – Not Repaired

**ACTION**

RMA has received confirmation from the United States Army Corps of Engineers that the breached levees along the Missouri River have not been repaired to “prior



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specifications” by the March 15, 2011 deadline. Therefore, the special provisions statement referenced above will be in effect for the 2011 crop year in Carroll County, Missouri.

With the breached levees remaining unrepaired by the Sales Closing Date, the actuarial rates for the affected areas (shown on the accompanying map) will be classified as BBB for the 2011 crop year for Corn, Grain Sorghum, Oats, and Soybeans.

<b>If the breached levees are repaired<sup>1</sup>:</b>	<b>Then:</b>	<b>RMA Action</b>
<b>Prior to Planting</b>	Written Agreement Requests to reduce assigned premium rates may be submitted and considered by the Regional Office until the crop has been planted. To be eligible for consideration, the affected field(s) must not have been planted at the time the insured submits a request.	A shapefile illustrating the “Affected Area” on the accompanying maps is available for download from the RMA FTP public server as of March 16, 2011. PASS will validate acreage reports based on the attached maps and shapefiles.
<b>After Planting</b>	The Highest Map Area rate in the county will be applied to the land located on the accompanying maps as specified by the SP statement.	

1 - RMA will consider the breached levees “repaired to prior specifications” when the levees offer equal to or greater than the level of height protection that existed prior to the flood event.

The accompanying map will supersede the Carroll County, Missouri Actuarial Map for the 2011 crop year.

Enclosure: map

# 2011 Special Provisions Flood Statement - Carroll County, MO



This Map, which supersedes the Actuarial Map, is effective March 16th, 2011 if Levee Breaches are not repaired to prior specifications prior to this date.